

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-13. (cancelled)
14. (previously presented) A method for crimping a crimp tube comprising:
- attaching a suture to a biological component;
 - placing the suture within a crimp tube;
 - attaching a first crimp device to a first free end of the suture and a second crimp device to a second free end of the suture;
 - actuating at least one end of the suture to adjust the tension of the suture; and
 - crimping the crimp tube using a crimping tool having a first crimping member with a first inner surface width and a second crimping member with a second inner surface width.
15. (original) The method of claim 14 further comprising securing the suture within the crimp tube.
16. (cancelled)
17. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 further comprising engaging the first crimp device and the second crimp device using a tensioning device to adjust the tension of the suture.

18. (original) The method of claim 14 further comprising compressing the crimp tube in at least three locations.

19. (original) The method of claim 14 further comprising compressing the crimp tube in not more than five locations.

20. (original) The method of claim 14 further comprising preventing a significant stress riser at a crimp site on the suture.

21-38. (cancelled)

39. (currently amended) ~~A The crimping tool of claim 35~~ for cranial cruciate ligament stabilization, the crimp tool comprising:

a first arm having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end comprising a handle and the distal end comprising a first jaw;

a second arm having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end comprising a handle and the distal end comprising a second jaw, the second arm hingedly connected to the first arm;

a first crimping member integral with the first jaw of the first arm, the first crimping member having a first inner surface width of .0295 inches; and

a second crimping member integral with the second jaw of the second arm, the second crimping member having a second inner surface width, the crimping tool including a

gap between the distal portion of the first jaw and the distal portion of the second jaw
when placed in a closed position and wherein the first crimping member and the second
crimping member comprise rectangular geometries.

40-44. (cancelled)

45. (previously presented) A cranial cruciate ligament stabilization method
comprising:
threading two portions of a suture through a crimp tube;
attaching crimp devices to the suture;
tensioning the suture by engaging a tensioning device engageable with the crimp
devices; and
crimping the crimp tube with a crimp tool.

46. (previously presented) The method of claim 45 in which the crimp devices are
crimp tubes attached to the suture by crimping the crimp tubes with the crimp tool.

47. (cancelled)